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The News Editor
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Dear Sir:

Sorry I didn't get your name when I stopped in today about the story on the Iowa Library Association convention. You will remember that you took me over to the Times office. I was on a 10 minute meter and by the time I'd waited and finally talked to someone over there my 10 minutes had long since run out so I couldn't come back to talk to you again.

So far as anyone knew over there the information had not come to them, either. However, they, too, wanted the "dope". Here it is again for what use you may want to make of it.

The Iowa Library Association will hold its 61st state meeting at the Hotel Montrose in Cedar Rapids October 21 - 23. Convention will open Thurs. a.m. with business meeting at which I, as president, will preside. Thurs. afternoon speaker is the Reverend Waldemar Argow of the Peoples' Church, Cedar Rapids speaking on his recent two month trip in Europe. Thurs. eve. there will be a smorgasbord for the Trustees' Section of the Association, but open to all Assoc. members, at which Mrs. Merlin Moore, a member of the Arkansas State Library Commission, will be the speaker. The Cedar Rapids Library board will be hosts to the convention at an open house and reception in their newly remodelled library after the Trustees' dinner Thurs. eve. Fri. a.m. Miss ~~Lauretta~~ Lauretta McCusker, assistant professor of library science at Iowa State Teachers College will speak on "Working with young people in the public library", and Mr. Frank Wachowiak, of the art department of Iowa University will show colored slides and speak on the subject "Assignment in Burma". Miss Ruth Gregory, librarian of the Waukegan, Illinois, public library and president of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association will be the speaker at the publicity luncheon Friday noon. At the banquet Friday evening Mr. Robert Aura Smith, member of the editorial council of the New York Times will speak on the Far East, an area on which is ~~ix~~ an authority because of many years spent there on assignments and study. Mrs. Clara Ingram Judson, author of many books for children, will be the speaker at the Sat. a.m. session which is in charge of the Children's and Young Peoples' section of the Iowa Library Association. The convention closes Sat. noon.

I don't want to seem to be tooting my own horn, but as president of the assoc. I'll be presiding at the Fri. a.m. meeting and the Fri. eve. banquet as well as at the business meeting.

Other Scott County Library people attending the convention will be Miss

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Mary Lois Nelson, Mrs. Harold J. Rath, Miss Peggy Ann Du Boe, and
E.E. Porter, staff; Mrs. Harry Kleeburg, Princeton, Mr. Raymond Baetke,
Long Grove, Mrs. Wm. Levien, Dixon, Mr. ~~M~~ Erwin Waage, R.R. Davenport,
board members.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth B. Hage, President
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